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GOVERNOR OF MONTANA

MONTANA. HORSE RACING COMMISSION

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MONTANA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, TIM BABCOCK,
GOVERNOR OF MONTANA:

Pursuant to and in compliance with the requirements and provisions of House Bill No. 489, the same being Chapter 196, Laws of Montana 1965, the Montana Horse Racing Commission submits its annual report for the period commencing on January 1, 1965, to and including December 31, 1965.

The following racing dates were granted and licenses issued to racing persons by the Commission for the 1965 Racing Season which comprised a total of Sixty-one (61) racing days and resulted in a total Mutual Handle of \$1,059,992.00.

NAME

DATES

Cow Capital Turf Club, Miles City	May 9, 16, 22, 23, 30, 31.
United Racing Association, Billings	May 29, 30, 31, June 5, 6.
United Racing Association, Belgrade	June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 5, 11, 18.
North Central Racing Association, Fort Benton .	July 3, 4, 5, 10.
Marias Fair, Shelby	July 22, 23, 24, 25.
State Fair, Great Falls	August 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.
Midland Empire State Fair, Billings	August 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.
Northeast Montana Fair, Glasgow	August 11, 12, 13.
Dawson County Fair, Glendive	August 13, 14.
Rosebud County Fair, Forsyth	August 16, 17, 18.
Northwest Montana Fair, Kalispell	August 19, 20, 21.
Fallon County Fair, Baker	August 21, 22.
Chouteau County Fair, Fort Benton	August 28, 29.
Missoula County Fair, Missoula	August 25, 26, 27, 28.
Ravalli County Fair, Hamilton	September 2, 3, 4.

A total of 1,292 licenses were issued to all persons connected with racing, yielding a total of \$6,122.00. Before such persons were issued licenses to operate in Montana, they were thoroughly screened. Eight persons were denied licenses for failure to meet the standards of character required by the law, or rules and regulations set up by the Commission. Five persons were fined, two licenses revoked, and two persons were ruled off for one year.

The Industrial Laboratories, Incorporated, of Denver, Colorado, was selected to test saliva and urine samples from race horses. A total of 432 horses were tested. This service aided immeasurably in maintaining the high standard of racing in Montana.

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Many horses were brought into our State to race. Besides creating additional revenue to the State of Montana, racing has increased employment. A large percentage of the money paid in racing purses is retained in Montana for payment of feed, transportation, medicine, food, lodging, wages and supplies from which our local citizens benefit and profit.

CONCLUSION

During the past year the members of the Commission have given careful attention to the business of Racing and have at all times diligently carried on their duties in conformity with the Racing Law of the State of Montana.

It is considered that Racing in Montana was a great success in 1965. This has come from the amount of time and effort expended at Meetings, hearings and investigations which have been conducted to efficiently regulate and give supervisory control to Racing and the best protection possible to the Racing public.

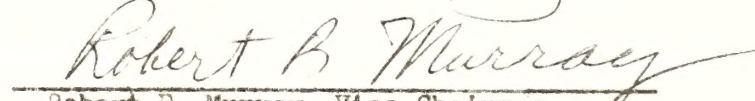
The Commission is pleased to report that there are thirty-two more racing dates for 1966 already applied for than all the racing dates in 1965, also purses have been increased. Land has been purchased in Missoula County for a new race track to be constructed, and several acres have been purchased in Gallatin County for expanding the Beaumont Race Track. This represents an investment of several hundred thousand dollars.

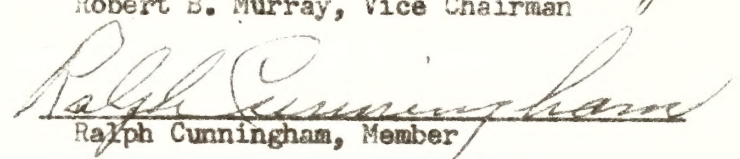
It is with extreme pleasure that we the members of the Commission extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to His Excellency Governor Tim Babcock for his kind and patient cooperation and help. His wise counsel and consideration has been most valuable to us in the solving of difficult problems.

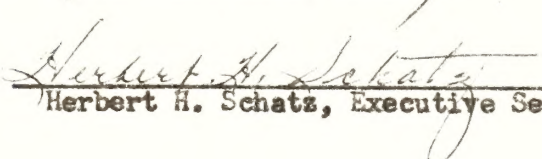
It is also desired to express our appreciation for the cooperation and service tendered by the Attorney General, the State Auditor, the State Treasurer, the Montana Veterinary Medical Association, the Livestock Sanitary Board, the Livestock Commission and other Public Officials, as well as various Racing Persons, the Press and the Public.

Respectfully submitted,


Hugh Peltz, Chairman


Robert B. Murray, Vice Chairman


Ralph Cunningham, Member


Herbert H. Schatz, Executive Secretary

STATE OF MONTANA

MONTANA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

Annual Financial Report

January 1, 1965, thru December 31, 1965

RECEIPTS:

License Fees:		
Owners	\$ 1,995.00	
Registration of Colors	724.00	
Trainers	1,100.00	
Jockeys	361.00	
Jockey Agents	50.00	
Apprentice Jockey	5.00	
Officials	479.00	
Occupational	1,262.00	
Assumed Names	130.00	
Pari-Mutuel Manager	<u>380.00</u>	\$ 6,486.00
Track Assessments		3,800.00
Fines		<u>65.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		<u>\$ 10,351.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Executive Secretary Salary	\$ 5,000.00	
Communications	418.44	
Supplies	51.30	
Travel Expenses	3,026.48	
Social Security	182.74	
Public Employees Retirement System Contrib.	165.00	
Industrial Accident Insurance	25.00	
Bonds	<u>2.49</u>	\$ 8,571.45
Cash on Hand		<u>1,479.55</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND CASH ACCOUNTED FOR		<u>\$ 10,351.00</u>

NOTE: Expenses for the month of December are estimated.

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Annual Pari-Mutuel Report
1965

<u>Track</u>	<u>Days of Racing</u>	<u>Pari-Mutuel Handle</u>	<u>Daily Average Handle</u>	<u>Track Mutuel Commission</u>	<u>State Mutuel Tax</u>	<u>Track Mutuel Breakage</u>	<u>Returned To Public</u>	<u>Percentage To Public</u>
Miles City	6	\$ 24,636.00	\$ 4,106.00	\$ 4,796.60	\$ 150.00	\$ 410.70	\$ 19,433.80	78.83%
Billings	5	54,899.00	10,979.80	10,815.36	164.44	943.90	43,194.50	78.68
Belgrade	7	99,551.00	14,221.57	19,575.28	334.92	1,608.50	77,953.30	78.30
Fort Benton	4	24,118.00	6,029.50	5,031.90	100.00	56.40	19,095.80	79.18
Shelby	4	52,795.00	13,198.75	10,559.00	Fair	880.20	41,210.90	78.05
Great Falls	7	427,202.00	61,028.86	85,440.40	Fair	4,940.00	336,821.60	78.84
Billings	6	247,434.00	41,239.00	49,486.60	Fair	2,787.20	195,160.00	78.87
Glasgow	3	8,095.00	2,698.33	1,627.00	Fair	none	6,126.99	75.69
Glendive	2	3,832.00	1,916.00	764.20	Fair	18.75	3,082.20	80.43
Forsyth	3	7,126.00	2,375.33	1,401.80	Fair	86.60	5,637.60	79.11
Kalispell	3	21,467.00	7,155.67	4,293.40	Fair	350.20	16,727.80	77.92
Baker	2	5,410.00	2,705.00	1,082.00	Fair	none	4,328.00	80.00
Fort Benton	2	6,436.00	3,218.00	1,305.70	Fair	16.80	5,140.90	79.88
Missoula	4	60,884.00	15,221.00	12,176.80	Fair	975.00	46,448.50	76.29
Hamilton	3	16,107.00	5,369.00	3,221.40	Fair	333.60	12,437.10	77.22
TOTAL	61	\$1,059,992.00	\$17,376.91	\$211,577.44	\$749.36	\$13,407.85	\$832,798.99	78.57%



